(b) The details are given in Appendix 19 of Import-Export Policy, 85— 83 (Vol. I.)

(c) A provision exists under Duty Exemption Scheme in para 29 of Appendix 19 of Import-Export Policy, 1985-^88 (Vol. I) for follow-up and penal action in order to ensute fulfilment of Export Obligations.

2. Value of the licence for raw silk under Duty Exemption Scheme is adjusted against the REP entitlement as provided in the policy for 1983-84, 1984-85 and the current policy.

3. Procurement of raw silk from the canalising agency in terms of import policy for 1983-84, 1984-85 and the current policy by Actual Users (Industrial) is subject to 'Actual User' condition.

News-Stem, captioned 'Assets worth Rs. 43 lakhs seized

IOOO. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Wi LI the Minister of COMMERCE he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Assets worth Rs. 43 lakhs seized" which appeared in the "Statesman" of the 20th February, 1986;

(b) whether any investigation has been made as to how these officers in the office of the Chief Controller of Exports and Imports accumulated so much in cash and kind and if so, what arQ the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take so as to keep a watch on officers working in vulnerable position?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case is under investigation by C.B.L

(c) The officers concerned have been placed under suspension and constant watch is being kept on Offi-. cers working in sensitive positions.

Suggestions on Budget and fiscal policy from the public

1001. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has invited proposals and suggestions from the general public on Budget and fiscal policy of Government;

(b) if so whether any cash awards have been offered for the same;

(c) what has been the response of the general public towards the offer;

(d) whether any cash awards have been made; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A cash prize of Rs. 2,000 was offered for the best set of suggestions in the first announcement. This was subsequently raised to Rs. 5,000.

(c) The response of the public has been very good.

(d) and (e) The suggestion.3 are being scrutinised. Those which, after screening, are found to be use ful will be considered for the award.

Study made by RBI on bank fraud

1002. SHRl DHULESHWAR MEENA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether a recent study made by the Reserve. Bank of India has revealed that over 10,000 cases of

bank frauds involving a staggering amount of Rs. 150 crores have been detected in the 28 public sector banks during the last five years;

(b) if so, what had been the techniques adopted for committing such frauds and what are the reasons for which it could not be possible to detect the frauds by the local authorities of the concerned banks;

(c) what are the broad features of some of the typical cases of fraud which have come to light;

(d) what action Government have taken against the delinquent bank officials; and

(e) what are the various remedial measures proposed by Government to check such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) The Reserve Bank of India overseas the functioning of commercial banks, including monitoring of fraud cases on a continuous basis- It. also reviews fraud cases of h.dividual banks annually. According to HBI the available information regarding total number of cases of frauds perpetrated in India and outside India and the amounts involved therein, irrespective of the dates of occurrence, as reported by 28 public sector banks for the last 5 years is as given below:

Year	No of Frauds	Amount involved (Rs. in crores)
1981	1892	20·36 Approx
1982	2078	22·38 ,,
1983	2371	30·20 ,,
1984	2469	40·87 ,,
1985	2189	114·63 ,,

(Data Provisional)

Note: The amounts involved, as indicated above, do not necessarily represent the actual lessee which the banks may have to ultimately suffer.

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of india has reported that the techniques adopted for committing such frauds, include misfeassance embezzlement, theft, misappropriation of funds, conversion of property cheating, shortage, irregularities, ' breach of trust manipulation of books of accounts, fraudulent encashment of instruments, alteration of instruments, unauthorised handling of securities charged to banks etc. Such frauds, which are acts of criminal deception are perpetrated either singly or in collusion with others with a view to deriving gains to which one is not legally entitled, either to meet temporary financial trouble with intention to set right the matter as soon as they are in a position to do so or because of inherent human weakness for wealth and/or because of lack of effective control system in the banks.

(d) whenever a fraud is detected by a bank or brought to its notice, the hank takes up preliminary investigation or hands over the case to the local police or to CBI and, based on the enquiry reports- received from the CBI/Police or internal inquiry, banks award punishment to their staff who are found to be responsible for the frauds, or whose lapses or whose negligence facilitated the commission of frauds.

(e) The banks have been instructed to gear up the vigilance machinery in the organisation and to improve procedures and systems so that frauds can be prevented. Accordingly, the banks are taking steps to strengthen control mechanisms and to improve management information systems as also effective follow-up action. Clearance of arrears in balancing of books and reconciliation of inter-branch and other accounts are also being undertaken on a continuous basis, information is also circulated hy RBI to banks giving details of novel methods of frauds and advising banks to adopt necessary safeguardB.

Books of instructions are also circulated by bank$_s$ amongst thei$_r$ staff indicating precautions/check^ which should be observed to prevent occurrence of frauds.

Workers in MITCO

1003. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA; Will the Minister of COM MERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i$_{s\ a}$ fact that due to faulty functioning of MITCO in recent years the number of factory workers and small dealer^ have gone down heaviiy in mica industry of Bihar; and

(b) if so, what action Government to propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) The mica trade fall under highly unorganised sector. As cuch authentic statistics on the number of workers employed in the trade is not (available. The number of weaker section dealers registered with MITCO which were 1022 in 1982 went upto 1940 in 1984-85. Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited (MITCO) i$_s$ pursuing policies designed to give maximum benefit to the weaker section of dealers as well as workers in the mica trade. With a view to provide means of livelihood to the mica dealers belonging to weaker sections, MITCO makes more than 90 per cent of its purchases of mica from them. It has introduced a scheme "support th$_e$ weakest" under which small mica processors can even supply ver$_y$ small quantities of mica. A series of export piomotion measures have also been taken to promote export of value-added mica products and generate employment thereby.

Complaints against MITCO

1004. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA; Will the Minister of COM MERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a complaint dated the 2nd January, 1986 from the (small mica traders of Biha$_r$ regarding widespread corruption, delay in payment of bills and arbitrary fixation of prices of mica purchased by MITCO; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hold any enquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER *OF* COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) A representation has been received and th$_e$ matter i$_s$ being looked into.

Export of Manufactured Mica and Processed Mca

1005. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proportion of export of manufactured mica in comparison to processed mica has considerably increased in recent years; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to negotiate with the count ries importing bulk processed mica from India to have long term arran gement with India for import of ma nufactured mica of their specifica tions instead of processed mica, which will generate employment in India and bring higher returns?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CTVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government i$_s$ in constant touch with important importing countries for increase of take of manufactured mica/value added mica based products on a long term basis Medium-term Loans to States

100R. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to relieve the strain on the States' resources caused